

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

**Security Committee**

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

[REDACTED]  
Chairman, TSCS

FROM:

[REDACTED]  
Chief, CSG

SUBJECT:

Tasking of R&D Subcommittee and TSCS  
on the [REDACTED] Problem

Dick,

The attached memo asking the R&D Subcommittee and TSCS to do something in connection with the [REDACTED] problem needs a little explanation.

First, there seems to be no end of interest in the threat posed by [REDACTED]. While I personally think it is overstated and looms larger in the minds of men than merited, it has been brought to the fore and requires some attention.

Second, the kind of attention that people seem to expect is one that results in everybody having his cake and eating it too with no one doing any work. The techs want a flat prohibition; it would relieve them of responsibility for testing each and every device. Mid-management can't stand the heat such a policy would engender where their bosses ask

[REDACTED]  
They feel hard pressed to justify the threat so they want some backup paper and they want it in an easy to use form -  
[REDACTED]

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